Requirement and Production of Power in Manipur

*96. SHRt W.ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of power in the state of Manipur during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the quantum of electricity to be produced by power plants in the State;

(c) whether the requirement of power would be met from the present power plants in the State; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to augment the supply in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) As per the estimates of 16th Electric Power Survey (EPS) the energy requirement of Manipuf during 2001-02 and 2002-03 would be 584 MU and 643 MU respectively. However, the requirement of energy in Manipur during 2001-02 is estimated to be 456 MU (including 377 MU-actual upto January, 2002) and 469 MU during 2002-03 based on the trend of actual energy requirement during the previous years.

(b) Manipur has isolated generation capacity of 12.61 MW comprising of 3.2 MW Hydro and 9.41 MW diesel which is used to meet the local area load only. Loktak Hydro Station of NHPC in Central Sector is the only project located in the State of Manipur. The Generation target for Loktak HE station has been fixed tentatively as 500 MU for 2002-03. Limkhong Diesel generation station of capacity 36 MW is likely to be commissioned in April, 2002.

(c) and (d) The energy requirement of Manipur during 2002-03 is estimated as 469 whereas, the likely availability from the Central Sector generating stations would be 614 MU. Thus, the availability would be more than the requirement.

Visit to USA by Home Minister

*97. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN(DURRU): SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Home Minister visited the United States of America;

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit;

(c) the agreements signed during the said visit and the extent to which this visit had been successful; and

(d) the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Home Minister Shri L.K.Advani accompanied by a high level official delegation visited USA from 8th January to 13th January. 2002 at the invitation of the U.S. Attorney General.

(b) and (c) During his visit. Home Minister held a comprehensive dialogue with his US interlocutors on the global dimensions of the terrorism in India and Pakistan's role and responsibility in the context of the attack on the Parliament of India on 13.12.2001. No agreements were signed during the visit.

(d) New areas of cooperation in the field of counter terrorism have been identified in the Fourth meeting of the Joint Working Group held in January. 2002 and appropriate steps initiated.

Dual Citizenship to NRIs

*98. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant dual citizenship to persons of Indian origin residing abroad;

(b) if so, the citizens of which countries would be granted such facilities; and

(c) whether they would enjoy voting rights in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A proposal in this regard is being examined.

Establishment of Bureau of Energy Efficiency

*99. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE);